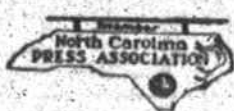




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Ye, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before the Lord. Zechariah 8:22.

### Gas Picture

The statements of the city's gas engineers, Barnard & Burk, on the comparable cost of natural gas with other fuels are quite rosy. The assumption, of course, must be for new installations and with no figuring of changeover costs for extant installations.

Thus it is doubted that there will be a great exodus from use of oil, coal, and electricity as competing fuels for small users. And some people remain afraid to use gas, in spite of the assurances of the engineers and experts in the natural gas field.

But many people will consider use of gas — for heating, cooking, and other purposes — when they contemplate new homes, new commercial buildings, and new manufacturing plants.

The investment by the city should prove beneficial to many citizens and, in turn, furnish the city a hedge against competition with its profit-making electrical distribution system. Gas service would have arrived, publicly or privately. Since the electrical system even now needs expensive rebuilding, with consequent heavy cost, it is also assumed that changeover of some citizens and firms to gas, plus use of gas by new installations, will delay arrival of the day when the electrical system rebuilding reaches mandatory status.

Briefly the gas picture today is this: For \$10 a person will be able to obtain a gas tap to the edge of his residence or business firm, which many people have already indicated they will buy — regardless of their immediate intentions to use gas. After the distribution system construction the tap fee will be much greater (\$75 having been the engineer's recommendation).

Natural gas is non-toxic. Resident Engineer Bill Edwards says, as other types of gases are, and pilot lights in gas stoves and other units will be safety devices against the explosive characteristics of natural gas.

The Otis Perry case points up the requirements of the federal government for hospital facilities for veterans and also makes people wonder how it is possible for the huge Salisbury plant to be without space for sick service veterans. Needless to say, there is some suspicion that the Salisbury VA hospital admissions chief may have slipped into the unhappy habit of saying "no" as a matter of course. The incident also points up the unhappy situation in Cleveland County, where a four-by-eight foot County Jail cage, minus bunk, is the temporary lodging place for our own mentally ill, a situation we understand is to be remedied with the upcoming hospital plant construction. The law provides medical care for veterans, and if the facilities are insufficient, Congress should appropriate accordingly. If the several staffs are practicing lazy, red-tape skulduggery, there should be some pants-kicking and head-chopping.

Only six regularly scheduled performances remain for the 1954 showing of "The Sword of Gideon", the fourth season of a battle drama commemorating the historical battle which turned the tide of the Revolutionary War in favor of 13 weak, struggling colonies against the powerful British. This year's outdoor drama has been revised, improved, and has many newcomers to the cast. Kings Mountain people should see it. Many home-owners, incidentally, are using the event to entertain kin and friends from other cities.

The nation-wide increase of theft and larceny, with occasional local incidents such as the recent break-in of the Piel residence, reminds that the easy money days are over and that, in normal times, smart citizens will take precautions to make unauthorized entrance to their homes more difficult.

### 10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold a benefit horse show here September 6 at the new Municipal stadium, beginning at 2 p. m. Cash prizes will be given to the winners, and ribbons will be given to the entries in each class finishing 1 to 4.

Miss Alda Jean Davis have returned from a visit with relatives in Georgia.  
Mrs. H. T. Fulton and Miss Le-one Patterson have returned from a visit at Bon Clarcken, where they were guests of Mrs. W. S. Dilling.  
Mrs. W. L. Fortune, Mrs. Jones Fortune, and Mrs. Pauline Wea-

### A New Tax Law

Needless to say, a new tax bill embodied in 875 pages of federal law will mean a considerable transformation in many phases of tax accounting, including returns by individuals, partnerships, estates, trusts, and corporations.

For the great mass of the people, who file only individual returns, not too many of the pages will be applicable and therefore, of direct interest, but many provisions do provide some relief for individuals, including retired people, working mothers, parents with dependent children who have some income, and people who receive income from investments in the form of dividends.

Many phases of the tax law represent compromises between the extreme views. One is the rock-ribbed conservative view which designs tax relief for the wealthy and well-to-do. The other extreme is the ultra-liberal views which follows the thesis of soaking the rich.

Neither view is right and it is to be hoped that details of the big tax revision bill, as it is unfolded in actual return-making and taxing, will have avoided both.

The provision for relief of dividend recipients got the most headlines in the long discussions and work on the tax bill, second only to the futile Democratic effort to obtain increase in the personal exemptions. In these major argumentative points, both sides had good and logical points, and it can be easily figured that the push for higher personal exemptions — which ought to be enacted — cut somewhat the percentage of relief dividend recipients finally received.

The principal contention of the group pushing for relief for dividend recipients was the very valid argument that taxation of dividends is, in fact, double taxation. Most dividends come from corporations, which have already paid a whopping percentage of their profits in regular corporation income tax, the latter continued in the new bill at 52 percent.

But Senator George and the losing Democrats were right in pushing for higher personal exemptions. The present \$600 exemption for individuals is most unrealistic, if the old policy of taxing excess over living expenses is followed. A man and wife will do little more than eat out of \$1,200 per annum the present man-wife personal exemption.

When the personal exemption is raised again to \$1,000 per person (if it ever is), then will be the time to consider further relief in other categories.

Even so, the GOP deserves credit for slicing the total of tax payments and, of course, the campaign orators will not likely let that fact be lost between now and the November elections. Democrats will counter with charges of "giveaways" to the wealthy, and, indeed, the changes in depreciation allowances, the big increases in depletion charge-offs which in the long-used provision for oil has made Texas a state of millionaires, will benefit directly the big taxpayer. Benefits to the working man will accrue only to the extent that the changes create more jobs, a rosy prediction of the GOP majority which only time will prove or disprove.

One certainty exists among the uncertainties. Forthcoming is a headachy field day for tax accountants, tax lawyers and all persons working on tax matters, including the Internal Revenue Service.

The police department is quite in order in cracking down on noise producing "cut-outs", which have long been illegal in North Carolina. While the policemen are at it, renewed attention to in-town speeding would be in order. West Mountain street has again become a popular in-city speedway, and undoubtedly there are other streets where feet are being applied too heavily to the accelerators.

ver and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Hudson, of Charlotte, spent the weekend at Lake Junaluska, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dulln. Mrs. W. L. Fortune remained for a longer visit.  
Jimmy Black of Wilmington was a weekend guest here at the home of relatives.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon  
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.  
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over-dosage.

During the past few weeks the city board of commissioners, as well as other city officials and numerous citizens, have been doing plenty of "gassing" about gas.

Last Friday night Resident Engineer Bill Edwards, who works for Barnard and Burk, joined the board in holding court to interview a large number of applicants for two city gas jobs, one permanent, and the other temporary. In all, the group interviewed a dozen persons, and considered applications of about 14 others for the positions.

Engineer Edwards, who will be around Kings Mountain and Shelby superintending the two gas system installation jobs for the coming several weeks, is a tousled-headed guy who wears specs and puffs a briar pipe. His manner of interviewing was down-to-earth and his courtesy factor was as high for the obviously unqualified as for the hot prospects.

He impressed this observer as knowing what he's doing and being among the more solid of the "experts" the city invites in for advice on many matters from time to time.

Frankly, I am among those who confess to some native fear of use of gas, but Engineer Edwards, I don't doubt, could almost make a believer out of me. Incidentally, he speaks confidently of Kings Mountain customer potentials at 1,500 meters, and talks in terms of 300-500 first season patrons, some who will begin taking gas prior to winter heating season.

The Herald this week joins the newspapers publishing political polls, having subscribed to the United States Poll which is conducted by the Princeton Research Service. The idea of the poll, as all of them, is to see into the future on matters political, by sampling opinion all over the nation, then projecting the "averages". I suppose the original idea stemmed from the horse and dog followers who pore over the form sheets to determine next day's winner at the tracks.

Actually, political polls have long been more reliable than the dog-and-horse form sheets, though the sad state of affairs of 1948, when Harry Truman embarrassed Dr. Gallup and just about everyone else in the political handicap business, threatened for a time to put the pollsters out of business.

Kenneth Fink, who directs the United States poll, waxes eloquent (see story on front page) about his 1952 presidential - congressional results, not so much on the fact of picking the winners, but by the close accord in percentage of votes with the final counting.

In buying the service, the Herald felt the poll reports would at least furnish its readers with an interesting diversion, not to mention some information on the current thinking of our neighbors of 47 states. But the warning should accompany these reports to remember 1948. Opinions change, sometimes overnight, and projections sometimes go awry. Polls are worthwhile in indicating trends of thought, but they were never intended to be final. Otherwise, it would be unnecessary to make the trip to the voting booth.

Comments on the information in the U. S. poll would be appreciated.

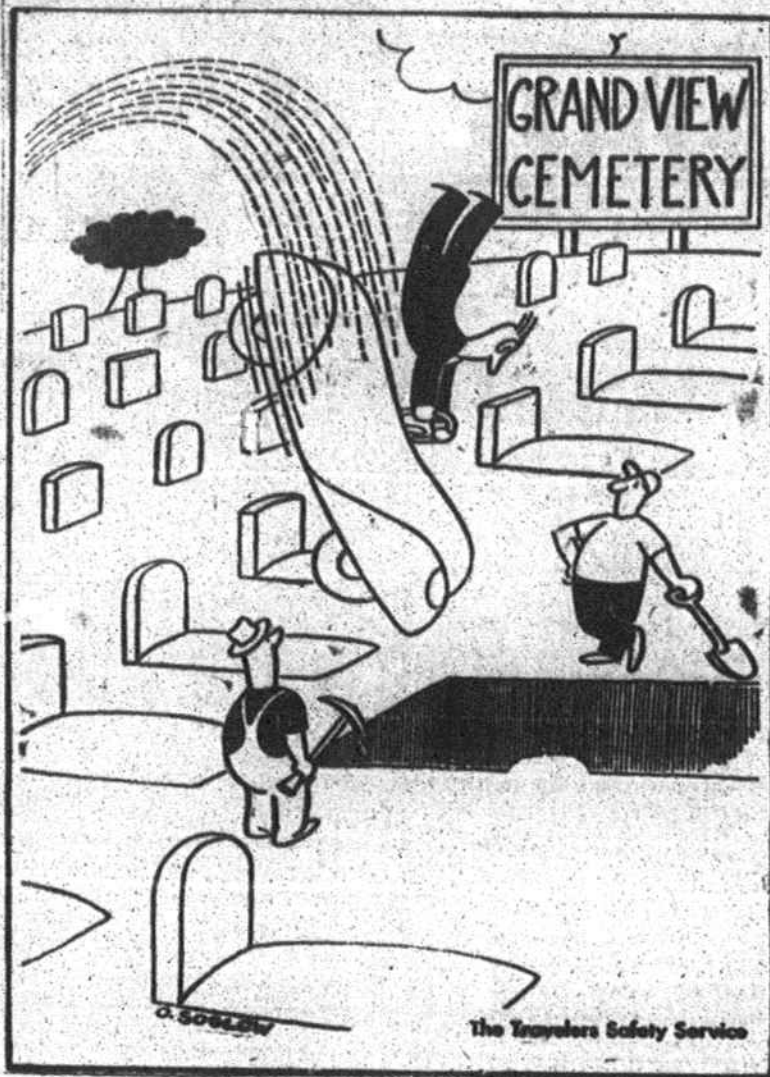
Marvin Goforth, the meat huckster, is one of the area's best story-tellers and he usually has a good new yarn or two everytime I see him. Sometimes they involve him, as this one did.

Marvin was at a Shelby sales-barn not long ago, when the offerings were heavy and the sale ran into dusk. Among other buyers and sellers present were two bearded codgers from Avery county, who, Marvin said, had a jar of corn liquor they finally got between their feet. The fact that Marvin sat adjacent was purely coincidental, he notes, as he was not partaking. Suddenly a severe, serious-looking man came up to Marvin and asked, "Don't you want to be saved?"

Marvin, a good ARP, looked the guy in the eye and replied, "I ain't never been lost."  
"You don't want to go to hell do you?" the self-appointed minister persisted.  
"No," was Marvin's reply. "I like it right here."  
As the man gave up and walked away, the bearded characters commented, "What's wrong with that spindly-legged fellow!"

## The Passing Scene

by O. Soglow



The Temporal Safety Service

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### OFF WITH MILITARY

The sudden and welcome rain-storm of last Thursday afternoon acted as a reminder of how dependent the American way of life has become on the single agency of electricity. Any interruption of the even flow of the electric current may be disastrous to town and country alike.

For example, consider the case of a chicken hatchery. It has \$5,000 worth of eggs being subjected to an even heat maintained by electricity. A storm disrupts the connections and in a few minutes a going business may be wrecked.

In other places plants and houses dependent on electricity for power or light, or both, may be put out of action by a single bolt of lightning.

It appears that the more refined and complicated a civilization is, the more vulnerable it is. Present day America has a tremendous lot of eggs concentrated in the one basket of electricity.

Is there no other source of power to be had? Electricity is, to be sure, a useful and, within its limits, faithful servant, but the instruments which convert and convey it are not dependable in all circumstances.

Some alternative source of power for everyday concerns is needed. When electricity fails, we ought to be able to switch to something else. And there might be a third alternate as well.

It appeared at one time that atomic and thermonuclear discoveries would come to the rescue, but they have both gone off with the military.

A scientist who can put them to peaceful and useful work will have the gratitude of a world.—Chapel Hill News Leader

#### HOW IT CAN BE TOLD

We hate the word. We'd rather not even mention it, but the public continues to demand that we put it in print.

Mr. John Doe calls. Then Mrs. John Doe, followed by a lot of little Does.

They want to know do we have any. Have we had any? What's the whole story?

By now you've probably guessed it. Polio.

That's the word. We're superstitious, and we'd rather not mention it, just like an announcer at a ball game fails to say anything about the pitcher having a no-hitter until the game has ended or the no-hit streak has been broken.

But this time we yield to public demands.

We do not have any polio. We have not had any polio this year. And here is the situation across the state.

Today North Carolina ranks 45th among the states of the nation, and this time it's wonderful that the Tar Heel state has slipped. It was shameful when North Carolina dropped to 45th ranking in per capita income, letting South Carolina climb ahead of us, but not when our state ranks 45th in the number of polio cases per 100,000 population (the ranking is based on a five year study by the U. S. Public Health Service).

Hugh Morton, chairman of the State Advertising committee, is proud of this latter 45th ranking publicized as widely as that 45th ranking in per capita income.

In fact, more widely publicized than that. For Mr. Morton wants the whole United States to know that North Carolina is relatively free from the polio menace over the year. He thinks that is not the impression which is abroad now. North Carolina has of late had a lot of publicity concerning some spectacular efforts to combat polio in some of our counties and this publicity isn't doing the North Carolina tourist business any good.

Mr. Morton has a point there. If tourists are shunning North Carolina because of false impressions, they ought to be set straight

#### A STRONG TEAM

People who tell other people how public affairs ought to be conducted (like editorial writers, for instance) are always talking about "enlightened self-interest". And well they should! For when one is motivated by enlightened self-interest it means that he has discovered some, at least, of the identity of his good with the common good. It means also that he thenceforth on that issue will reinforce his devotion to the common good (which is understandably diffused) by his devotion to his own concerns (which is, equally understandably, very particular indeed).

One of the best and most commendable examples of this we have seen in some time is to be found in the sponsorship of a new organization, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., by the container and packaging industry. It has been the makers of the cans, bottles, boxes, and wrappers who woke up first to the idea that they might be in for a good deal of ill will from those disgusted with the littering of highways and public places.

So much for the self-interest. But the man who made the empty bottle on the roadside probably is irritated by the man who made the gum wrappers on the sidewalk. And they both are citizens, too, offended by anybody's litter. The upshot of all this has been an alliance with organizations who are also against litter for all sorts of self-interest and public-interest motives, from the American Automobile Association to the Garden Clubs of America.

That's the way these things work. And it's a pretty good way. Christian Science Monitor.

#### GOV'T SECRECY

Government secrecy is not confined to office holders and bureaucrats, it is firmly imbedded in the halls of Congress and as such acts as a precedent for similar action in other levels of government. Last week "Shop Talk" reported on an investigation of U. S. Senators' views toward secret Congressional committee hearings, conducted by the Sigma Delta Chi committee on freedom of information.

It was revealed that 11 Senators favor secret committee meetings and 30 would not express their views to the SDX committee.

E & E printed the list of Senators and where they stand on this issue. It was our hope that newspapers around the country would note their Senators' positions.

It seems to us that SDX has laid the groundwork for constructive reform in Congress to eliminate the practice of writing legislation behind closed doors. Last year 44% of all Congressional committee meetings were held in secret. The way is clear for journalistic groups to unite with Senatorial leaders to open the doors once again and bring Congress closer to the people and vice versa. — Editor and Publisher.

#### WHAT THEY SEE HERE

Visitors coming to Franklin over our four principal highways see the following between the city limits and the Main Street business section:

1. 152 bill boards and signs shouting about everything from supersonic snuff to chittlin' stumps.
2. A junkyard decorating the landscape.
3. 7 truckloads of trash and dirt on the streets.
4. 1 faded, weed hidden sign which whispers "Welcome, Franklin is a good place to live". — Franklin Lions Club Bulletin

ht with the facts.  
Let's let the world know we're 45th (in polio cases) and, indeed, proud of it. — Transylvania Times.



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